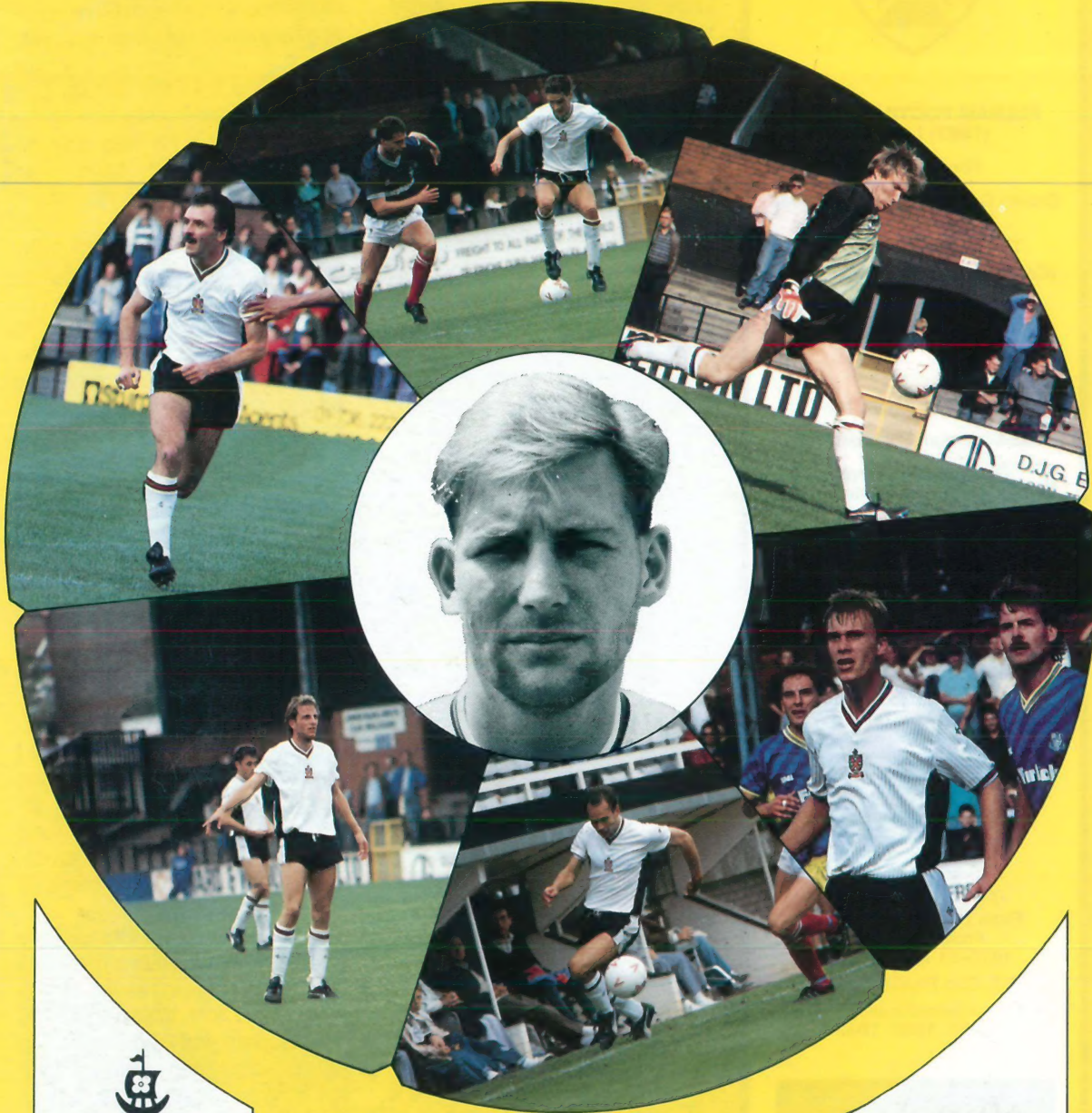


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Our Christmas and New Year fixtures produced mixed results. With just one win from the four games we can hardly be said to be showing promotion form at the moment and yet I believe we are not far off being a very good side. The players themselves think a play-off place is still a very real possibility and the important thing is that the team spirit is better than it has been all season.

The Third Division is extremely tight this season and almost anything could happen. We could however have done with making a better start to 1990. I decided to use the sweeper system for the first part of the game against Bristol City as this had been working quite well and I knew that City probably have the best four front men in the Division. In the event Leo Donnellan failed to get to grips with Mark Gavin and Gavin caused us a lot of problems early on. I did however feel that Leo's booking was very harsh, although his dismissal for the second offence was inevitable.

We came back at Bristol in the second half and did well for a side with ten men. But we failed to find the mark and the end result was very disappointing. And so to the game against Shrewsbury, for which I selected a midfield four capable of running and tackling. Clive Walker was given a free role, as this works better when we don't have a player operating on the right flank. Clive usually gets more of the ball in this situation and he is able to make good use of it when the game opens up. The Shrewsbury game was a scrappy affair to watch but we put in a workmanlike performance and we deserved the three points. I was worried when they opened the scoring as with five at the back they looked

capable of holding us off, but a magnificent effort from Clive put us level at just the right time. In the absence of Justin Skinner Clive got his second from the penalty spot and he deserved a hat-trick for the way he played. He was only denied by a great save from Shrewsbury's Steve Perks later in the game.

Two other players did particularly well in this match. Hugh Burns, who plays his last game for us today unless I have been able to make further arrangements, looked comfortable on the ball. He likes to go forward and to pass and he made a significant contribution to the game. John Watson also did well, not missing out on a single header and looking a lot sharper now he is almost fully fit. I brought Steve Milton on, as substitute for Andy Sayer. The score was level at the time and some of you may feel that it's worth taking more of a chance at a time like that, by taking off a player other than a striker. Had we been losing that's probably what I would have done, but I am not in the business of throwing caution to the wind unless it's absolutely necessary. Substitutions are always tricky and they all depend on the way the game is going.

After the victory over Shrewsbury we were very much in a mid-table position, having won seven, drawn seven and lost seven, with 25 goals scored and 25 conceded. In spite of some poor results we were still only six points away from a play-off position, but we now had to make a trip to St. Andrews to face a team which had lost only one home match.

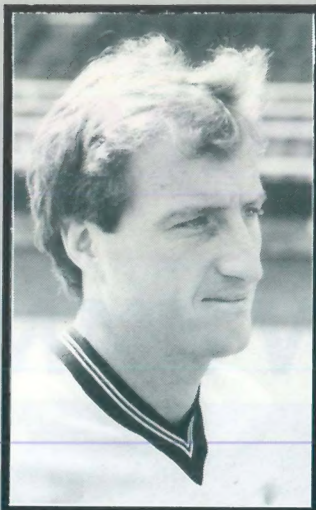
This turned out to be one of our better performances. Both sides played some nice football and we created several openings in the

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first period. We again failed to take our chances however and it was Birmingham who opened the scoring. I brought on Gary Barnett and just when you thought we were going to get nothing for all our hard work, he helped create the opportunity for Peter Scott to level things up. This was a point well earned and it made the journey back on the awful M6 seem a little less awful.

The game at Preston was in many ways similar to the one at Birmingham — except that we got nothing from it. Andy Sayer missed out on a couple of early chances and we conceded a goal at a bad time. Jim Stannard made some good saves in the later stages of the game but Preston had not had too much to offer up until then. We became a bit ragged as time went on and even though we pushed men up, we still failed to find the net. This game proved that we can't rely on Clive to do it every time and that other players have to take their opportunities.

As you know, we have again had a number of injury problems this season. The latest position is as follows: **Glen Thomas** was due for a hernia operation earlier this week and looks likely to be out for the rest of the season. **Shaun Gore** still has ligament problems, for which patience is needed. We hope he'll be back before the season's end, but there are no guarantees. **Gordon Davies** is coming back from an achilles heel operation and could be back in training inside a week or two. At the end of the month **Michael Cole** is due to report to the surgeon and will then hopefully begin training. **Justin Skinner** should by now have had a minor calf operation (both legs) and will be out for two or three weeks, while **Ron**



Mauge, who missed the Preston game due to ankle ligament problems, may be fit for today's game. I'm almost better too and should be available for the Reserves (if selected!) in a week or so, but meanwhile Des Bremner has re-joined us on a one month contract. Finally today, a word about Ray Harford. I was sad to read that character assassination in a national newspaper and I believe it is utterly wrong for the Directors of a football club to behave in this way. Ray is a bit on the dour side until you get to know him, but he is a great coach and many people at Fulham owe him a great deal. I know our Directors would never dream of 'going public' in that way and I'm sure Ray will soon be back in the game. It would be nice if he one day led a team out to face Luton in a Wembley final.

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RAY LEWINGTON

The cover photo shows Peter Scott, whose goal at Birmingham was his fifth of the season. Only once has Scottie scored more in a season.

RAY REVIEWS



BOLTON WANDERERS

Three second-half goals at Tranmere last Saturday ensured that Bolton's challenge for promotion continues. Their away record is in fact exactly the same as our home record (won four, drawn four, lost three) so we can hardly expect an easy game today.

In recent years Bolton have proved to be a good solid side. Their achievements have not been especially spectacular but they keep plugging away and at the end of the season they are usually there or thereabouts. In 1988-89 they finished eight points short of a play-off place.

Manager Phil Neal is of course very well known throughout the game. He likes his teams to pass the ball around and play constructive football, so this afternoon's encounter should be entertaining. There are few player connections between our two clubs but Jeff Eckhardt and Tony Philliskirk were apprentices together at Sheffield United. Jeff will need to keep a close eye on his former team mate this afternoon.

RAY LEWINGTON

Welcome toBOLTON WANDERERS



Back Row: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill.
 Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physio).
 Front Row: Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager), Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler (no longer with club), Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.

TROTTERS HOPING FOR LEAGUE AND LEYLAND DAF "DOUBLE"

Bolton are well on the way to retaining the trophy they captured last season after Tuesday's 2-1 win over Lincoln saw them through to the Northern Quarter-Final of the Leyland Daf Cup. David Reeves gave the Trotters the lead after a Stannard-style long kick by goalkeeper David Felgate was flicked on by big Tony Philliskirk. Lincoln equalised in the second half after hesitancy by Dean Crombie, but Reeves restored the Wanderers lead from close range following a Paul Comstive cross.

This was the club's fourth consecutive victory, the previous two outings producing 3-1 wins over fellow promotion contenders Bury and Tranmere. The all-ticket game at Prenton Park was postponed on New Year's Day after 2,000 Bolton fans had already made the trip, but was re-arranged for last Saturday and although it needed three excellent saves by Felgate to keep Wanderers in the match after they had fallen behind to a dubiously-awarded penalty, they stuck to their task and outplayed Rovers in the second half. Goals from Julian Darby, Barry Cowdrill and Stuart Storer brought the points back to Burnden Park.

When Bolton visited Craven Cottage in April, they were mid-way through a record-breaking 24-match unbeaten run which finally ended at Rotherham in September. Since we last played them here, the strike-force of John Thomas and Trevor Morgan have departed, to be replaced by Tony Philliskirk and David Reeves, who have proved a good combination. Bolton are known for preferring a passing game to the more direct style of some third division teams that visit us, but this should not detract from the aerial effectiveness of Philliskirk.

RESULTS THIS SEASON

Home: Fulham 0-0, Bristol Rovers 1-0, Leyton Orient 2-1, Mansfield 1-1, Wigan 3-2, Chester 1-0, Walsall 1-1, Swansea 0-0, Northampton 0-3, Blackpool 2-0, Bury 3-1.

Away: Cardiff 2-0, Huddersfield 1-1, Rotherham 0-1, Notts County 1-2, Crewe 2-2, Brentford 2-1, Preston 4-1, Bristol City 1-1, Birmingham 0-1, Shrewsbury 3-3, Tranmere 3-1.

FA Cup: Blackpool (away) 1-2.

Littlewoods Cup: Rochdale (away) 1-2, (home) 5-1. Watford (home) 2-1, (away) 1-1. Swindon (away) 3-3, (home) 1-1 aet, (home) 1-1 aet, (away) 1-2 aet. Leyland Daf Cup: Crewe (home) 2-0, Wigan (away) 0-1, Lincoln (home) 2-1.

our Visitors

PEN PICTURES This season's appearances in brackets (Max: 22)

DAVID FELGATE Goalkeeper Birthplace: Blaenau Ffestiniog. Age: 29. Previous Clubs: Blaenau Ffestiniog, Bolton, Rochdale (loan), Bradford City (loan), Crewe (loan), Lincoln, Cardiff (loan), Grimsby, Rotherham (loan). League Appearances: 430 (16). Appearances v Fulham: 7. David returned to Bolton in February 1987, making his debut against Fulham. This season he has successfully held off the challenge of £20,000 signing David Rose. Won a Welsh cap in 1984.

PHIL BROWN Defender Birthplace: South Shields. Age: 30. Previous Clubs: Hartlepool, Halifax. League Appearances: 420 (22). Appearances v Fulham: 3. Club captain Phil is ever-present since signing for Bolton in June 1988. One of the best full-backs in the division, he has twice scored from 25 yards this season.

MARTIN PIKE Defender Birthplace: South Shields. Age: 25. Previous Clubs: West Brom, Peterborough. League Appearances: 259 (7). Appearances v Fulham: 2. A stylish left-back who missed only one match in Sheffield United's promotion campaign, but has made only 3 appearances for the Blades this season, and has now joined Bolton on loan.

BARRY COWDRILL Defender/Midfield Birthplace: Birmingham. Age 33. Previous Clubs: Sutton Coldfield, West Brom, Rotherham (loan). League Appearances: 192 (21) Appearances v Fulham: 3. Barry joined Bolton in April 1988 on a free transfer. Usually a left-back, he has switched to his former midfield position since returning to the team following a bout of flu last month.

DEAN CROMBIE Defender Birthplace: Lincoln. Age: 32. Previous Clubs: Ruston, Lincoln, Grimsby, Reading (loan). League Appearances: 434 (22) Appearances v Fulham: 9. After nine years at Grimsby, Dean was transferred to Bolton in August 1987, and his return to the side in February coincided with the team's revival. Scored at Wembley last season.

MARK WINSTANLEY Defender Birthplace: St Helens. Age: 21. League Appearances: 90 (22). Appearances v Fulham: 2. A former YTS boy at Bolton, Mark signed professional forms in July 1986 and made his debut the following season. Now a regular selection, he was Player Of The Year last season.

STUART STORER Midfield Birthplace: Harborough. Age: 22. Previous Clubs: Mansfield, Birmingham, Everton, Wigan (loan). League Appearances: 73 (14). Appearances v Fulham: 3. Stuart signed for Bolton early in 1988 following a loan period. He has never really been a first-team regular, but is currently in the side and scored a scorcher against Tranmere last Saturday.

STEVE THOMPSON Midfield Birthplace: Oldham. Age: 25. League Appearances: 265 (22) Appearances v Fulham: 5. Steve is Bolton's longest-serving player, having signed professional in November 1982. Last year he attracted a £75,000 bid from Shrewsbury. He has scored against Fulham on three occasions.

DAVID REEVES Forward Birthplace: Birkenhead. Age: 22. Previous Clubs: Haswell, Sheffield Wed, Scunthorpe (loan), Burnley (loan). League Appearances: 59 (16). Signed for Bolton two days before the start of the present season after making 17 first division appearances

for Wednesday last season. A six-footer whose goals tend to come in pairs.

TONY PHILLISKIRK Forward Birthplace: Sunderland. Age: 24. Previous Clubs: Sheffield United, Rotherham (loan), Oldham, Preston. League Appearances: 131 (21). Appearances v Fulham: 3. A former England schoolboy international who joined Bolton in June for £50,000, his third transfer in a year. He scored against us at Deepdale last season and was involved in two of the Wanderers goals last Saturday.

JULIAN DARBY Midfield Birthplace: Bolton. Age 22. League Appearances: 131 (22). Another England schools cap who joined Bolton from school in July 1986, making his debut that same year. Scored at Wembley last season. He can also play as a defender.

PHIL NEAL

Born in Irchester in 1951, Phil made his debut for Northampton Town in 1968/69 season, the end of which saw the club relegated to division four. He established himself in the side in 1972, playing in a number of positions but lining up on most occasions as a midfield player.

Our former manager Bill Dodgin Jr. sold Phil to Liverpool for £60,000 in October 1974. He made his debut in front of 56,000 at Everton the following month, a speedy promotion in comparison with many Liverpool signings of the time.

Neal replaced Alec Lindsay at left-back and astonishingly was ever-present from his second appearance for the club in December 1974 until missing a defeat against Sunderland in October 1983, a run of 366 consecutive league matches, mostly in the number two shirt.

He encountered Fulham for the first time in the League Cup tie of 1983/84 which went to three matches, and held his first-team place at Anfield until being dropped for another match at Everton in September 1985. He played only five more times for Liverpool before signing for Bolton, as player-manager.

While with Liverpool, Phil was involved in four European Cup wins, scoring in the 1984 final as well as in the penalty decider which followed. He picked up seven championship medals and was on the winning side in four League Cup finals. He appeared 455 times in the league and on 174 occasions in cup ties, while amassing 50 England caps.

In Neal's first season at Burnden Park, the club finished 18th, but the following campaign brought relegation to division four. The player-manager played twice against Fulham that season, and although we won an entertaining game 4-2 at the Cottage, we were beaten 3-2 at Burnden Park. Wanderers bounced straight back, and finished 10th last season, as well as appearing at Wembley for the second time under Neal's management. On the first occasion, in 1986, the Trotters were beaten 3-0 by Bristol City, but last season Bolton overcame Torquay by a 4-1 scoreline.

Phil made 8 league appearances last season (as well as 21 in the Central League) to bring his total to 705, the most recent of which came at Fulham last April on the day his former club faced their darkest hour. Cup competitions and internationals bring the total to 971, but Phil will be more interested in the future at Bolton than in past statistics.

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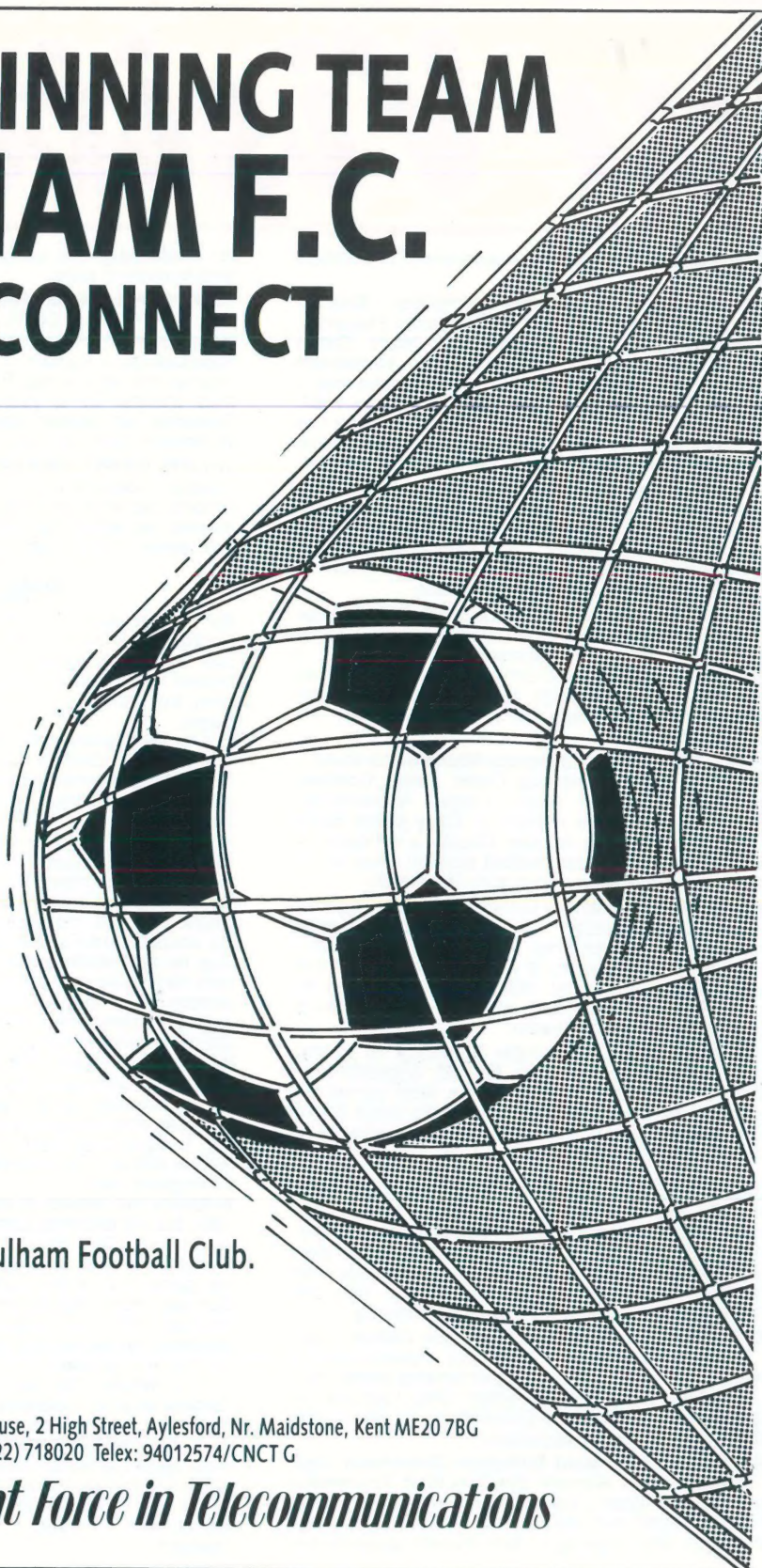


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THIRD DIMENSION

UPS AND DOWNS AT THE TOP

Notts County led the Third Division table into the 90s and held the top spot at the end of the new decade's first week. That was despite two new year defeats including an amazing 0-4 reversal against Bury at Meadow Lane last weekend.

The four "Bs" of Bristol, City and Rovers, Bury, and today's visitors Bolton, are in hot pursuit, with just four points covering the first five clubs. Rotherham, Huddersfield and Tranmere are just off the pace, though the two sides promoted last season both suffered heavy defeats last weekend. Bolton confirmed their promotion intentions by inflicting only the second home defeat Tranmere have experienced this season, while Rotherham conceded a Dean Holdsworth hat-trick in a 4-2 defeat at improving Brentford.

Walsall look in grave danger of slipping straight through to Division Four after their relegation from the Second at the end of the last campaign. With just 21 points from 22 games, they're currently propping up the Third Division table. Their lamentable home form, just two wins all season, is hardly likely to leave them with the best of memories of Fellows Park, which they're due to leave soon for a new home. Blackpool and Mansfield also have 21 points, and the bottom three are now four points behind Leyton Orient.

THAT WAS THEN THIS IS NOW

Fulham entered the 90s in 11th place in Division Three. Ten years earlier, the team was a division higher, but planted firmly at the foot of Division Two. After 22 games of the 1979 season, we'd won just six games, and had a measly 15 points—however those were the days of two points for a win!

Out of all the current Division Three sides, two were in Division One, though both Bristol City and Bolton Wanderers were in the bottom three. Birmingham City were sixth in Division Two, while eight other current sides from the Third featured a division higher than now. Walsall headed Division Four and Crewe propped up the whole League and had just 11 points at the time. Over the course of the past ten years, Fulham's average placing in the League is 44.3—as compared to Liverpool's 1.7 and Crewe's 84.3. Fulham's average position is the fourth best out of all our current opponents. Birmingham came out best with an average score of 26, while Shrewsbury and Notts County also emerged slightly above us.

ANOTHER SWING ON THE MANAGERIAL ROUNDABOUT

Shrewsbury's Ian McNeil, the League's oldest serving manager, became the decade's first managerial casualty in Division Three when he left the club ten days ago. Shrewsbury are two places above us at the moment, but the defeat at the Cottage can't have helped secure his future. Team matters are now in the hands of another Scot, the former Everton, West Brom and Manchester City star, Asa Hartford.

All our sympathies I'm sure go to Ray Harford who was forced to resign by Luton recently. No doubt the last straw was the decision forced on Ray to sell Roy Wegerle, undoubtedly Luton's best player this season. I'm sure Ray will be back in football soon, as a coach of his calibre is far too good to lose to the game.

GOOD DAY IN THE CUP

Division Three sides generally enjoyed a good day last Saturday in the FA Cup Third Round. Of the 11 sides

which kicked off with their hopes still set on the twin towers, by 4.45, only Walsall and Wigan had suffered defeat.

Huddersfield, Bristol City and Blackpool all recorded good home wins, though the major giant-killing acts belonged to Northampton and, to a lesser extent Reading. The Elm Park team recovered from conceding a 38th second Sunderland goal to win 2-1 against the Wearsiders, while Northampton piled on the recent cup misery for John Sillett by knocking out First Division Coventry City 1-0.

Nearly 14,000 packed into Ninian Park to see Cardiff hold QPR to a goalless draw, while Crewe earned a replay at Gresty Road by drawing 1-1 at Chelsea. More than 16,000 packed into the Vetch to see the mighty reds of Liverpool held by the humble Swans.

The surviving sides gained scant reward when the Fourth Round draw was made, though several sides have a good chance of further progress. Reading probably drew the plum with a home tie against the ever entertaining Newcastle United.

If Crewe defeat Chelsea they'll travel to Ashton Gate to face Bristol City, while Cardiff face the daunting prospect of a trip to Highbury if they overcome Arsenal. Northampton's reward for knocking out Coventry was a trip to the 'Mickey Mouse' club at Rochdale.

Torquay won't be happy about coming out of the hat away to Blackpool, and if 2,500-1 outsiders Swansea have managed to storm the bastions of Anfield, they'll have a tough job either at Exeter or Norwich's Carrow Road. Birmingham must fancy their chances against Brighton if they've managed to win their replay against Oldham, and Robert Wilson's Huddersfield could be on a nice little earner against Jeff Hopkins' Crystal Palace. **RIVERSIDER**

CURRENT FORM GUIDE

(last 6 matches)

	W	Pts	Goals		W	Pts	Goals
1 Northampton	5	16	8	20 Walsall	2	7	5
2 Bristol City	5	15	10	21 Fulham	2	7	5
3 Reading	4	13	9	22 Mansfield	2	6	8
4 Huddersfield	3	12	12	23 Tranmere	1	5	6
5 Notts Co	3	11	12	24 Leyton Orient	1	4	7

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(up to and including 9th January, 1990)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	23	8	2	2	20	11	4	4	3	16	14	42
Bristol Rovers	22	7	4	0	20	7	4	4	3	10	9	41
Bristol City	22	7	3	1	16	7	5	2	4	12	13	41
Bury	23	4	5	2	16	11	7	1	4	24	18	39
Bolton Wanderers	22	6	4	1	14	9	4	4	3	19	14	38
Rotherham United	23	8	3	0	33	11	2	4	6	13	18	37
Huddersfield Town	22	6	3	2	17	11	3	6	2	14	16	36
Tranmere Rovers	22	6	3	2	25	11	4	1	6	16	16	34
Birmingham City	22	7	3	1	19	5	2	2	7	8	19	32
Shrewsbury Town	22	6	3	2	21	12	2	3	6	13	20	30
Northampton Town	22	5	1	4	13	11	3	5	4	16	19	30
Fulham	23	4	4	3	16	13	3	4	5	10	14	29
Swansea City	22	6	3	2	13	13	2	2	7	7	18	29
Crewe Alexandra	22	4	4	3	14	13	2	4	5	12	14	26
Reading	21	5	4	2	14	12	1	4	5	10	16	26
Brentford	23	6	1	5	23	18	2	1	8	11	21	26
Wigan Athletic	22	6	3	2	16	8	0	5	6	7	20	26
Preston North End	23	6	4	2	24	17	1	1	9	10	25	26
Chester City	23	5	4	3	16	14	1	4	6	7	19	26
Cardiff City	21	2	4	4	14	17	4	3	4	14	16	25
Leyton Orient	23	6	2	3	17	11	1	2	9	13	27	25
Blackpool	22	3	3	5	11	13	2	3	6	9	16	21
Mansfield Town	22	4	1	6	14	16	2	2	7	8	18	21
Walsall	22	2	3	7	9	18	3	3	4	10	15	21

preview

Tranmere Rovers (A)
Friday 19th January 1990

CREWE ALEX. (H)
Saturday 27th January 1990

Barclays League Division Three

ROVERS RETURN

Next Saturday we pay our first visit to Merseyside in just over three years. On the last trip we were unceremoniously beaten 10-0 by Liverpool at Anfield. This time we will be visiting Prenton Park, seeking to gain revenge for Tranmere's 2-1 victory here at the Cottage on the opening day of the season.

Tranmere came to the Cottage in August with their hopes high for the season, following their promotion from the fourth division last year. In an entertaining opening game to the season, Tranmere certainly showed that they would not be a side to underestimate this season. Rovers took a first half lead when Eddie Bishop headed in a John Morrissey cross. Jeff Eckhardt justifiably equalised early in the second half, before Malkin grabbed Tranmere's winner in fortunate circumstances.

GOOD START

Tranmere built successfully on their victory at the Cottage and were soon amongst the division's pace-setters. Rovers' home form was particularly impressive. Of their first eight games at Prenton Park, six were won and two drawn. This extended Tranmere's unbeaten run in home league games to 26, as they had not lost at home in the last 18 home games of last season.

Recently, however, Tranmere's form has faltered. Since beating Blackpool 3-0 at Bloomfield Road at the end of November, to go third in the league, they have not won any of their last five league games. As a result they have slipped to eighth place, although they are still in-touch with the leaders.

During this recent poor run, Rovers have lost at Prenton Park for the first time since November 1988. Bury ended Tranmere's impressive run, winning 4-2, with Tranmere's goals coming from Martindale and Malkin. Chester then fought out a goalless draw at Prenton Park before Tranmere's poor Christmas performance. In three games over the holiday period Tranmere obtained only one point. That came in an entertaining 2-2 draw at Prenton on Boxing Day, with Harvey and Steele scoring for Tranmere. Tranmere then lost 2-0 away to Bristol Rovers before being defeated 3-1 at Prenton Park last Saturday by Bolton. A Muir penalty gave Tranmere a half-time lead before Wanderers scored three times in the last half-hour. This match marked the debut of record signing Neil McNab, the former Spurs, Bolton and Manchester City midfielder player.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Next Saturday's game will be the eighth league meeting between the sides. Currently we have the advantage with four victories to Tranmere's two. We first met in the second division in 1938-39 with Fulham winning both games 1-0. Woodward scored at Prenton Park whilst Rooke got the winner at the Cottage.

Our next meetings occurred in the third division, between 1969 and 1971. In March 1970, Les Barrett scored for Fulham in a 1-1 draw at the Cottage, watched by 10,310 fans. We lost the last game of the season 1-0 at Prenton Park. The following year we were promoted to the second division and that Season we did the double over Tranmere. Vic Halom and Stan Brown scored in a 2-0 victory at the Cottage in September 1970, whilst two goals by Les Barrett and one by Vic Halom secured a 3-0 later in the season at Prenton Park.

CREWE'S FIRST VISIT

In two weeks time Crewe Alexandra visit Craven Cottage for the first time. In our only other meeting, earlier this season, we obtained a 3-2 victory at Gresty Road, so we have an opportunity to gain our first double of the season.

Back in September, the game was scoreless at half-time. However, just after the interval, Clive Walker gave us the lead following a characteristic run. A lob by Andy Sussex, the ex-Orient player, equalised for Crewe before an Andy Sayer chip regained us the lead. Glen Thomas was then sent-off, and after Paul Clayton had equalised for Crewe in the 82nd minute it seemed that we had let vital away points slip. However, Fulham won the game with a remarkable goal. A Jim Stannard goal-kick beat all the Crewe players, including the keeper, and was scrambled over the line by Sayer for his second goal.

RECENT IMPROVEMENT

Crewe currently lie in 14th position, three points behind ourselves and only one point above the relegation zone. This will be one of many important games we face in coming weeks, as only five points cover the teams lying from 10th to 21st in the division.

Crewe's form has improved recently, although it still remains erratic. The Railwaymen, as they are known, have won twice and drawn four of their 11 away games. Their last away league victory came at Bury at the end of November, when Crewe won 3-0 through goals by Walters and Cutler (2). Cardiff then gained a 1-1 at Gresty Road with Paul Fishenden, who played for us whilst on loan from Wimbledon, getting Crewe's goal. In their following home league game, Bristol Rovers were defeated 1-0.

Over the three holiday games, Crewe gained four points. Fishenden scored in a 1-1 draw at Walsall and again in a 1-2 defeat at Leyton Orient. Then a Clayton goal defeated the then top-of-table Notts. County 1-0 at Gresty Road.

On their last visit to West London, last weekend, Crewe almost pulled off a cup upset. Steve Walters put Crewe ahead against Chelsea before a late Clarke goal scraped Chelsea a replay. The outcome of the replay was not known at the time of going to press, but the winners have an away tie at Bristol City on the day our league match with Crewe is scheduled to be played.



Our unusual winner at Crewe in September, Andy Sayer touching Jim Stannard's long clearance over the line.

How To Get There

FOLLOW FULHAM TO TRANMERE ROVERS

Friday January 19, Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Tranmere Rovers Football Club, Prenton Park,
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ALBERT BARRETT
1903-1989

A letter from Capetown, South Africa from Neville Barrett arrived at the Cottage on 20th December to say that his father had died on 8th December. Albert Barrett, as older supporters will readily recall, was one of the finest players of his generation and one of the outstanding figures in our history. He had just passed his 86th birthday when he died.

Born at West Ham in November 1903, Bert won England Schoolboy honours and four amateur international caps before joining Fulham in August 1925. He also played in a record Three English Schools Shield finals and was briefly associated with Leytonstone, West Ham and Southampton coming to the Cottage to sign professional. Within a month of signing, he was in the first team and held his place for 11 years, playing a total of 418 League and Cup games.

Bert played under six managers and was in our teams which won the Third Division championship in 1931-32 and reached the FA Cup semi-final in 1936. He also won representative honours, touring South Africa with on FA XI in 1929 and winning a full England Cap against Ireland in October 1929 in Belfast. This came at a time when we were in the Third Division, which was a most unusual advent. For most of his career, Bert played at left half with Len Oliver at right half: Oliver's career began a year earlier and finished a year earlier and covered 434 games. He, too, was a full international, winning his cap five months earlier than Bert, against Belgium in May 1929. A Third Division club, therefore, had two England international wing halves, with a centre half, Syd Gibbons, who was rated by many as the best in the country for several reasons. Small wonder that our half back line was the strength of the side.

His last game was against Bury in October 1936, but Bert had taken the precaution of qualifying as an accountant. When he retired, he was given a job by Fulham chairman John Dean, so highly was he regarded. When his old manager, Jack Peart, died in September 1948, Bert was tipped by some to take over, but in the end the post went to Frank Osborne. In 1954, Bert and his wife and two sons, Brian and Neville, emigrated to South Africa, although he retained an interest in Fulham for the remainder of his life. His wife, Eve, died in 1986.

Although a defender, Bert's finest moment for Fulham probably came in a sixth round FA Cup tie at the Cottage in February 1936. We were in the Second Division, playing Derby County second in the First Division. With 20 minutes to go, we were leading 1-0, when a John Arnold corner was cleared by the Derby defence. Bert hit it back first time from over 30 yards out, leaving goalkeeper Kirby helpless. The goal was one of only 21 he scored in his entire matches, but it was one of the finest seen at the Cottage scored, appropriately, by one of the finest players.

To his family we send our sincere sympathies and mourn the passing of an outstanding club servant.

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FULHAM QUIZ



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Today we have four photographs of Fulham goals — but who scored them and when? Answers please to The Editor, c/o Craven Cottage, to reach us by Tuesday 23rd January.

Bristol City Quiz: The answers to the Boxing Day questions were (a) Graham Leggat, who got the fastest First Division hat trick on Boxing Day 1963. (b) Tosh Chamberlain, who made his last appearance on Boxing Day 1964 (but it was no use asking Tosh because he did not know the answer). (c) Johnny Haynes, who made his debut on Boxing Day 1952.

Shrewsbury Quiz: Answers. (a) Jeff Hopkins, our most capped player in the 1980s. (b) Richard Money, the biggest fee received in the 1900s. (c) John Vaughan, who conceded 10 goals in one match. (d) Gordon Davies, who played in more games and scored more goals than any other Fulham player in the 1980s.



Good luck to Gary Elkins, who has gone south west on a month's loan to Fourth Division promotion challengers, Exeter City.

POP MITCHELL: OBITUARY



Just before Christmas, a familiar figure around The Cottage on matchdays died. Bill 'Pop' Mitchell was 87 and until very recently had been a regular. He was perhaps best known for his charity walks around the ground. In accordance with his wishes, his ashes were scattered over the pitch before the match on Boxing Day. To his son Jim, daughter-in-law Dawn and the rest of his family, who are also Fulham supporters, we send our sympathies.



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BYLINE

SPORTING HEROES

What makes a sporting hero? Tom Watson has won the Open more times than Ballesteros, yet I venture to say that if you ever hit an outstanding shot on the golf course, you would say "That was a shot of which Sevy would have been proud." Stirling Moss never won the racing championship at all, yet as you weave nonchalantly through the traffic or press the pedal down on the M25, an interfering cop will stop you and say "alright Stirling Moss take it easy." There is no exact definition and if we could define it, will they cease to be heroes? Elvis Presley had it, Mohammad Ali had it, Brian Clough has it.... that blend of personality and ability that takes any entertainer beyond his particular sphere to cult status.

Who is your sporting hero? I have to admit to perhaps a surprising one..... Bobby Keetch. For me when I first stood on the terraces of Fulham as a gawping adolescent, Bobby represented all the reasons why I supported Fulham. But let a far better writer and Fulham supporter, Frank Keating take over for the moment. "And what about Killer Keetch? Blond and butch, fancy in his pointed Eytie patents, but a devil in boots, no shin pads had an earthly. Horrors, we even loved him that afternoon he got stuck into Bobby Charlton. He had been jeaned and conspicuously casual down the Portobello on a Saturday morning — after perhaps a canter down Rotton Row sniffing out bargains for his junk (sorry, high class) antiques emporium (shop), outstanding head scarfed brunette snuggling into his armpit; at 2.30 (unless stated) he would wickedly set about some unsuspecting innocent number 9 shirt; by 6.30 he would be downing a few swifties at the Queens Elm setting himself up for ten, an eye ball to eye ball confrontation with outstanding blondes over the candles and white table cloths of L'Ecu de France or some such gracious nosherie."

Years, many years later, I wandered into a bar in Jernyn Street with a beautiful black friend of mine called Ruby. Some of the "faces" of football were there and thanks to Ruby, I found myself in conversation with Terry Venables and George Best. At the end of bar stood a portly bon-viveur type in a suede jacket. No, surely not, he has put on a bit of weight. Is it him really? As many who know me, the condition of being lost for words is not my normal one, but I have to say that was the one I was in, as I sauntered up towards him. "Bobby Keetch?" Perhaps packing a few extra pounds around his mid-riff than in his playing days, the essential Keetch had not changed. Those who have had the privilege to know him and be entertained by him will tell you as a raconteur and wit, he is second to none. Over the last five or six years, I have heard story after story about Fulham in the 60s in some wickedly expensive West End restaurant, although it is normally Bobby who will pick up the tab and just sit back and drink it all in. Some of the stories I have heard 10 or 15 times, but that does not stop me laughing as much the last time as the first.

I once asked a mutual friend, Mike Murphy, who was once the editor of Grandstand and now a director of Portsmouth, whether he thought somebody should have written down these stories for posterity, but he said no, they lie in the telling and the privilege of being present when they are being told. Bobby Keetch has all the talents and resources of the great raconteur, mimicry of accent, a physical gesture to emphasise a movement or a point, the look of humour upon his face and perhaps, most important of all, the sheer pleasure that he gives and communicates in conveying the stories to whoever is present. I defy anyone not to laugh at one of his stories, whether he is explaining how he disarmed a Chinese assistant manager in his hotel suite in Paris, when he was assumed to



BOBBY KEETCH

be a burglar or, when Alan Mullery ordered him to mark tight Mike England and both of them were busy chatting about a woman with whom Bobby was living in Park Lane and accordingly, both missed the cross.

I never make an arrangement to meet Bobby, he is not one of those who likes arrangements or I have to say always keeps to them, but every month or so I know I will bump into him in some West End watering hole, often Dave Metchick with him in attendance, a few drinks and the old Fulham stories. Sometimes I am with friends of mine who follow one of the big capital or northern clubs who wonder why I bother with Fulham. I always enjoy when Bobby gives them some of the old Fulham stories and they slowly begin to realise that our club is a special one, not because of its achievements, but because it can produce personalities.

Bobby may have played with Q.P.R., but for me, he is Fulham and to him to I think. It is that sense of originality, fun and character that makes him and our club so special.

At the book launch of the Official History of Fulham, I met Johnny Haynes for the first time. My guest, Carol, not realising she was in the presence of royalty, chatted away quite happily but was slightly curious as to how and why I managed to remain silent. Johnny Haynes, father of modern mid-field play, an absolute gentleman and one club man, but forgive me for saying so, a bit too good for us. Over the years, I drooled over Les Barrett's darting wing play, Jimmy Conway's acceleration, Johnny Mitchell for getting us to Wembley, Tony Gale's elegance in defence, Ray Houghton's dribbling and passing, Paul Parker's speed in defence and now Justin's silky skills in mid-field, but nobody has really replaced my hero.

Approachability is one of the qualities of a star. I once played a joke on a friend of mine's father-in-law by saying that he played tennis at Wimbledon, only to be beaten by Pancho Gonzalez. The remark was purely and simply ar off the cuff aside, as the three of us were watching a Wimbledon final. However, we all went out that evening to a club and of all people, who do we run into but Pancho Gonzalez. My friend pulled him over and said "do you remember me, you beat me when I was junior champion." Pancho's handsome features registered no emotion "Yeah, I remember you, you gave me a hard game."

It was a remark that Bobby Keetch would have appreciated.

DAVID ROODYN

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Diary for

Wednesday December 6th 1989

FULHAM 0 PORTSMOUTH 0

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

This was another uninspiring Combination match at the Cottage, but at least we kept a clean sheet for the second consecutive home game.

Dave Bassett and David Pleat were among the managers in attendance and they saw a fixture containing few creative moves. John Watson was winning a few balls in the air and in the early stages one of his efforts was almost converted by Gordon Davies after the visiting 'keeper had parried the original shot. We survived one scare when the ball bobbled around in our area for some seconds before being cleared and Laurence Batty did well to smother one goal attempt, but in the main, Pompey were restricted to long-range efforts.

Ivor had a shot blocked in the second half, but the match always looked likely to finish goalless.

Fulham: Batty, Langley, Tucker (O'Connor), German, Peters, Burns, Onwere, Greaves, Barnett, Watson, Davies. Subs: O'Connor, Amisah.



Clive Walker has had some inspired moments this season, including spectacular goals away at Blackpool and at home to Shrewsbury.

Saturday, 16th December 1989

BLACKPOOL 0 FULHAM 1

Barclays League Division III

With both sides employing the sweeper system and none of the full backs pushing forward to any extent, this was a dreadful bore for the fans, alleviated only by the superbly taken goal by Clive Walker, which was completely out of context. It was understandable that Ray felt the need for an extra defender as we had Hugh Burns, on loan from Dunfermline, making his debut at right back and Leo Donnellan playing out of position at left back — and we were away from home. Blackpool's tactics of playing three central defenders and employing their usually skilful full back, Steve Morgan to shadow Walker everywhere certainly didn't work. It restricted their attacking options so much that Jim Stannard had only two saves to make in the whole ninety minutes, both from ex-Spur Gary Brook in a two minute spell late in the first half. In addition, Morgan was withdrawn after 57 minutes, having completely failed to carry out his role effectively.

Clive Walker soon showed he meant business and Shaun Elliott, the Seasiders' sweeper was booked for body-checking him in full flight after only five minutes. John Watson was winning the ball in the air and it was from his knock down that Walker shook off the attentions of Morgan before driving an unstoppable shot past on-loan 'keeper Vince Bartram into the corner of the net from the edge of the box. Clive raced onto a through ball, beat Morgan again and Justin Skinner's diving effort flew just over. Blackpool had only suffered one defeat in their previous six games, but it was their fans who suffered this afternoon. A well-placed header by Brook from a corner and the same players low drive were the only times they threatened the Fulham goal.

Only a brilliantly timed tackle by Ian Gore prevented Andy Sayer from putting Fulham further ahead when he raced clear and when a big clearance from Jim Stannard was knocked out by a defender, Peter Scott's first time shot from outside the box was only a yard wide with the 'keeper nowhere. John Marshall was having a fine game in the sweeper's role and had time to make a couple of penetrating runs deep into Blackpool territory. Walker again evaded Morgan and Burgess to get over a good cross but John Watson's header was held low down by Bartram. This was the signal for Morgan to be replaced by Mike Davies and ten minutes later Andy Sayer, who was suffering from a chest infection, went off and Steve Milton, who had not been able to train for two weeks, came on. By this time, the dissatisfied chants of the Blackpool fans had turned to the slow handclap. Only once did 'Pool cause us any anxiety when Andy Garner got his head to a corner and his flicked header was only just wide of the far post. Clive Walker ran off to a great ovation from the fans of both sides. Gary Peters came on to left back with Leo Donnellan moving into midfield. As the game moved into injury time, a free kick from the touchline was floated in but Jim caught it easily, despite the 'Pool players closing in.

It was a pleasing result, particularly the clean sheet, but in truth,

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on the day Blackpool had a nightmare match and were lucky only to lose by one goal.

BLACKPOOL: Bartram, Burgess, Gore, Elliott, Methven, Morgan (Davies 57), Coughlin, Garner, Eyres, Owen, Brook. Sub not used: Wright.

FULHAM: Stannard, Burns, Eckhardt, Marshall, Nebbeling, Burns, Scott, Skinner, Walker (Peters 76), Watson, Sayer (Milton 67).

Friday 21st December 1989

NORWICH CITY 1 FULHAM 0

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

City's forward line included an international in Malcolm Allen, a £400,000 signing in Robert Fleck and the support in attack of Dean Coney, so it was perhaps surprising that we lost by just the one goal. In fact, the home side created five clear-cut chances in the first half, but failed to find the net and we stuck to our task, chasing every ball and closing Norwich down.

Fulham came more into the game after half-time, with Steve Milton forcing Mark Walton into a finger-tip save following a fine shot on the turn, and Gary Barnett shooting over from a good position. We battled for every ball, but the decisive moment came in the 55th minute when Robert Fleck ran from the halfway line before sending in a twenty-five yard shot which found the net via a cruel deflection.

Among the 1,500 crowd was programme contributor The Wanderer, who took an "example train" to the game and had to make a quick dash from the bar at half-time when his winning lottery ticket number was announced. He hastily "wandered" onto the pitch, only to discover that he had won..... a Norwich City team shirt!

Fulham: Batty, Langley, German, Tucker, Vertannes, Greaves, Bremner, Watts (Onwere), Mauge, Milton, Barnett. Sub not used: Amissah.

Tuesday 26th December

FULHAM 0 BRISTOL CITY 1

Barclays League Division Three

We took the field for our first home game for a month with the same side which had won at Blackpool. This meant five at the back, with John Marshall playing as sweeper and on-loan Hugh Burns making his home debut. It was an indication that defence would have a higher priority than attack, perhaps a measure of respect for the high flying Robins who could have gone top if they won this match.

The first 45 minutes were played largely in the spaces between the edges of the two penalty areas. Chances were few and far

between, with defences coping well on a difficult, greasy and uneven surface. Our best attacking moments all seemed to involve Clive Walker, operating down the left flank, although John Watson was winning a high proportion of his aerial duels. With John Marshall in defence, however, we were limited in our forward moves, the right flank effectively left vacant.

City were more deliberate in their build up, showing some nice passing movements, which usually involved Gary Shelton displaying his First Division pedigree for much of the 90 minutes. On the Robins' right, Mark Gavin's close control and pace were giving Leo Donnellan a torrid time. Early in the game, Leo resorted to a lunging mistimed tackle, which earned him a booking. Shortly afterwards, a second bookable offence, a tackle from behind, brought the red card. Although Gavin was booed by the Fulham fans for the rest of the game, there was a feeling of inevitability about Donnellan's dismissal: he was clearly no match for the nippy winger. Whilst the referee certainly acted decisively, he earned few marks for consistency when a more cynical foul on Clive Walker in a similar position late in the second half was punished by nothing more than a free kick.

The sending off incident came just three minutes after City had taken the lead. In the 35th minute, Robbie Turner on the left fed Bob Taylor who had a clear view of goal. His fierce, low drive from the edge of the penalty box beat Jim, the first time he had been seriously tested. With ten men, we were clearly up against it, and only a Hugh Burns deflection prevented Shelton getting a second before the break.

A goal in arrears and down to 10 men, we had to change in the second half if we were going to salvage something from the game. Ronnie Mauge came on for Justin and the pace quickened. We pushed forward, but it was all very predictable. Clive switched from the left to playing just behind the front two and there was no width to our play at all. In a frantic final ten minutes, as tempers frayed, we had our clearest opportunity and inevitably Clive was involved. He went past two or three City defenders and drew the goalkeeper, but Sinclair got down well to block the shot.

That the Robins failed to capitalise on their one-man advantage was largely due to Jeff Eckhardt, at his most resolute and John Marshall, a pillar of strength at the back. Jim, Hugh Burns and Gavin also did all that was expected of them defensively. None of the 10 men could be criticised for their commitment or effort, but sometimes, honest endeavour is not enough. A little subtlety, imagination, variety and tactical flexibility were needed, but these were in short supply. We could hardly quarrel with the result in the circumstances, taking consolation only from the fact we had held one of the top teams to a single goal despite playing with 10 men for over half the game.

FULHAM: Stannard, Donnellan, Burns, Skinner (Mauge 45 mins.), Nebbeling, Eckhardt, Marshall, Scott, Sayer (Milton 70 mins.), Watson, Walker.

BRISTOL CITY: Sinclair, Llewellyn, Bailey, Shelton, Humphries, Rennie, Gavin, Newman, Taylor, Smith (Wimbledon 75 mins.), Turner (Jones 83 mins.).

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Leo Donnellan is fouled inside the area for a penalty.



Clive Walker completes the scoring vs Shrewsbury with the winning goal from the penalty spot.



Clive Walker puts his shot beyond



Jim Stannard takes a low cross shot vs Bristol City.



A diving save by the Bristol City 'keeper



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Shrewsbury 'keeper to equalise.



A cross is met by Peter Scott in the Bristol City game.



prevents Clive Walker from scoring.



John Watson tries to beat the Bristol City defence.

Mixed fortunes at home over Christmas, losing to Bristol City and beating Shrewsbury. There was a lot of action in both matches and could have been more than the four goals which were scored, as Phil Wardle's photos suggest.



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MATCH REPORTS EXTRA

Saturday 30th December 1989
FULHAM 2 SHREWSBURY TOWN 1

Barclays League Division Three

After our disappointing Boxing Day performance we returned to winning ways against mid-table visitors from Shropshire. Our 1500th League game at the Cottage and our farewell to the eighties was marked by three well-earned points—and a goal to rival any scored in the decade.

As so often this season, we made things difficult for ourselves by giving away an early goal, scored by John McGinlay from close in after 19 minutes. From then on we faced an uphill battle, with little help from Shrewsbury who played five men at the back, well-marshalled by sweeper Tony Kelly. We concentrated our attacks through the middle, with Clive Walker playing more centrally than usual. Meanwhile our other expert flanker Johnny Marshall was putting in a sterling performance at left back, leaving the hard-tackling trio of Donnellan, Mauge and Scott battling in midfield.

Until just before half time we had little success. Ronnie Mauge went close with a header and Andy Sayer with a volley. Clive Walker was unsuccessful twice, once when he went through the middle and once from a well-flighted free kick. Finally, in injury time of the first half we broke through—and how! Clive Walker took the ball from a short free kick on the left; turned on what until 19 years ago would have been a sixpence; and from fully 30 yards out struck a superb left foot shot into the roof of the net that left keeper Perks helpless.

After the break we continued to take the attack to Shrewsbury, looking for a winner. Again it was more or less one way traffic with Fulham continuing to create chances. Andy Sayer was twice more unlucky. On both occasions he shot wide, the second occasion more in surprise than for any other reason. Clive also came close to repeating his first half effort, but Perks just got to it.

Our winner finally came ten minutes from time. Hughie Burns struck a long cross field ball from his right back position to far out and ahead on the left. Johnny Watson worked hard to chase it and pull it back. Crossing the ball into the middle set Leo Donnellan free and as Leo took the ball through the penalty area he was unceremoniously pulled down. It was unmistakably a penalty and up stepped Clive Walker, the nominated taker in Justin's absence. Clive crashed it in with little ceremony, for his eighth of the season and for our three points. We also picked up more disciplinary points from the match, both Leo Donnellan and Ronnie Mauge earning bookings from the official Mr. Borrett.

FULHAM: Stannard, Donnellan, Burns, Mauge, Nebbeling, Eckhardt, Marshall, Scott, Sayer (72, Milton), Watson, Walker. Sub: Barnett.

SHREWSBURY: Perks, Green, Hartford, Kelly, Finley, Moyes, Brown, Gorman, Priest (78, Griffiths), McGinlay (69, Melrose), Naughton.

Monday, 1st January 1990
BIRMINGHAM CITY 1 FULHAM 1
Barclays League Division III

After a tedious first half during which each 'keeper had to make just one save, things could only improve after the interval and they did. The introduction of substitutes Simon Sturridge and our ex-reserve striker Dennis Bailey transformed City, who went ahead when Nigel Gleghorn headed in Bailey's centre. We earned the point we deserved when Hugh Burns cross found Peter Scott ten yards out. Scotty seemed to have taken too long but he pulled wide of his marker and slid the ball under the body of former Bristol Rovers and Newcastle 'keeper, Martin Thomas.

Despite the torrential rain, City made a bright opening with Keith Langley's fierce drive from just outside the box forcing Jim Stannard to make a brilliant acrobatic save. A neat move between Paul Tait and Mark Yates set up a chance for Dougie Bell, who shot wide of the far post. Central defender Vince Overson was booked for a blatant trip on Clive Walker, who was in full flight down the left following a fine pass from John Marshall. John Watson headed a good chance straight into Martin's arms as we came right back into the game. Ronnie Mauge and Mark Yates also incurred the referees' displeasure and the inept City display, highlighted by successive foul throws and a feeble attempt by Gleghorn from a good position, saw them booed off the field at half time.

Our main worries were that Clive Walker was struggling after Overson's foul and John Watson had picked up a groin injury which meant that Steve Milton, far from 100% himself, had to come on in the 48th minute. Jim Stannard saved well from Paul Tait but the ominous sign of City's two subs, who also happened to be their leading scorers, warming up at the side, was of more concern. Andy Sayer shot wide after being put through by Leo Donnellan, but Jim was soon in action again with a good stop from John Frain. Steve Milton had two efforts saved in quick succession but it was the Sturridge-Bailey combination which finally undid the right flank of the Fulham defence and Bailey's inviting centre was headed wide of Stannard by Nigel Gleghorn. With our players committed to attack, Dennis Bailey, City's leading scorer with ten goals, turned provider with a superb crossfield pass to Sturridge. Bell hit his pass yards over the bar but when Bailey set up Gleghorn, his hooked shot was only a foot too high. Steve Milton showed that Thomas could be beaten but the whistle had already gone for offside. With just five minutes left, a good move down the right saw Hugh Burns cross sail over the heads of the City defence and Peter Scott did the rest.

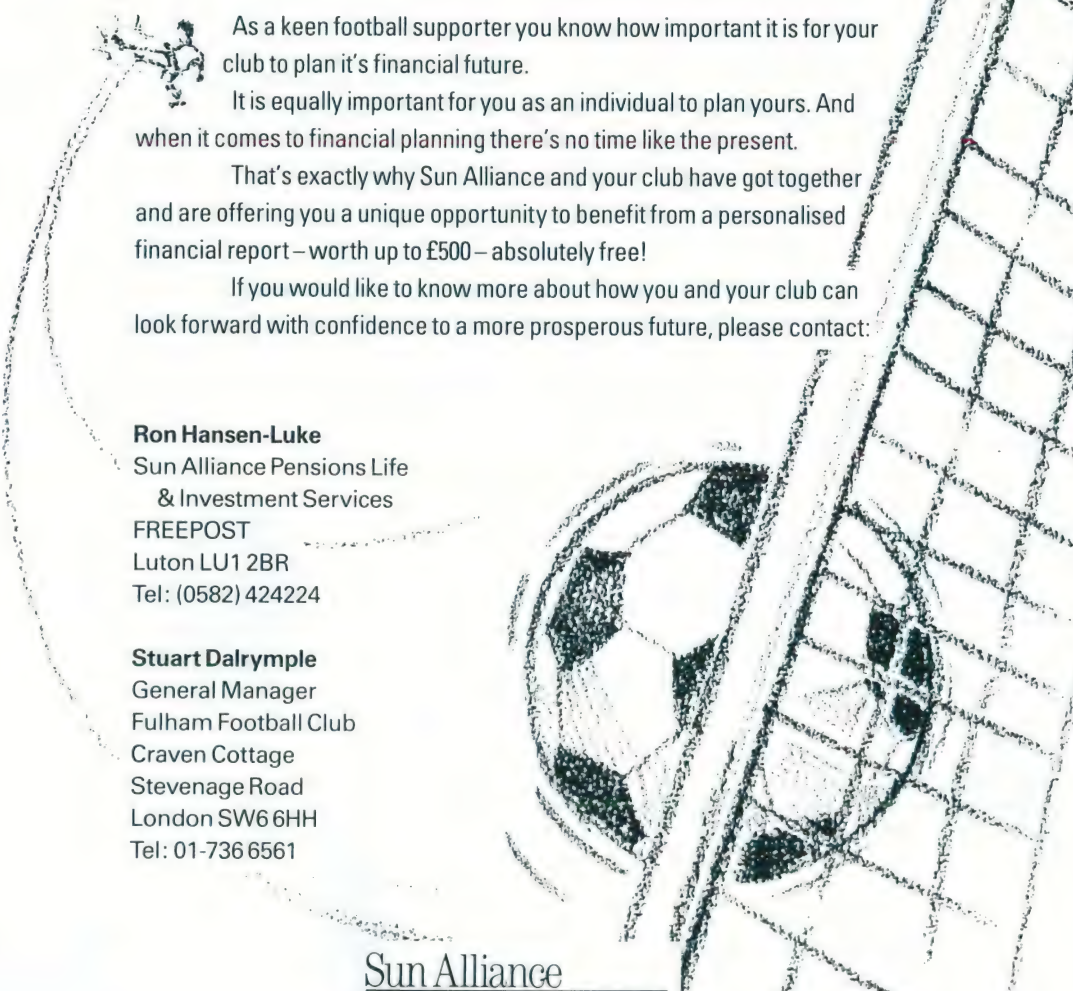
BIRMINGHAM CITY: Thomas, Clarkson, Overson, Atkins, Matthewson, Frain, Bell, Langley (Sturridge 55), Gleghorn, Tait, Yates (Bailey 63).

FULHAM: Stannard, Burns, Eckhardt, Nebbeling, Marshall, Donnellan, Scott, Mauge (Barnett 78), Walker, Sayer, Watson (Milton 48).



Hugh Burns, on loan defender from Dunfermline, who has made such a good impression at right back.

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STEVE MILTON	1	A. RENNET £1 B. HUMPHRIS £1 W. SPOKES £1 C&M BEST £1 D. SWEIRY £1 S. HUBBARD £1 M. BRAME £1 T. CHAPMAN £2 M. HOWLETT £2
GAVIN NEBBELING		A. RENNET £1 L. HOWARD £1 C&M BEST £1 T. CHAPMAN £1 M. BRAME £1 J. COLLIE £1
ANDY SAYER	6	A. RENNET £1 L. HONOUR £1 M. HEDGES £1 L. C. DUTCH £2 W. SPOKES £1 C&M BEST £5 P. HATCHER £1.50 D. HOARE £1 S. BALLARD £1 D. DUNLOP £1 M. BRAME £1 A. JEFFRIES JR. £1 M. DELANEY £1 J. COLLIE £1 M. HOWLETT £1
PETER SCOTT	5	A. RENNET £1 K. MYERS £1 P. HONOUR £1 T. TOWNSEND £5 J. D. POWELL £5 G. PIMM £1 I. CRANNA £1 C&M BEST £1 M. BRAME £1 S. HUBBARD £1
JUSTIN SKINNER	5	A. RENNET £1 K. MYERS £1 C&M BEST £1 A. JEFFRIES JR. £1 M. BRAME £1 J. COLLIE £1
GLEN THOMAS	1	A. RENNET £1 G. THOMAS £1 J. D. POWELL £2 C&M BEST £1 M. BRAME £1
CLIVE WALKER	9	A. RENNET £1 M. A. JEFFRIES £1 R. C. PLUMMER £1 S. HUBBARD £1 M. BRAME £1 J. NEWTON £1 N. TOMHEY £1 C&M BEST £1 R. HOWARD £1 W. SPOKES £1
JOHN WATSON	2	PETER, JIM, SIMON, DES £20 T. CHAPMAN £1 A. RENNET £1 D. TAYLOR £1 I. CRANNA £1 C&M BEST £1 R. HOWARD £1
JIM STANNARD	*G— P— C—	A. RENNET £10(G) T. DELANEY £1(C) L. C. DUTCH £2(C) S. BALLARD £1(P) M. BATTS £5(G/P) C&M BEST £1(G) S. HUBBARD £1(C) D. FINCH £1(G) J. ELLIOTT(P) M. BRAME £1(G) M. DELANEY £1(C) M. O'LEARY £1(G/P) I. CRANNA £1(P) P. JONES £1(G)
ANY HAT-TRICK		M. LEE £5 J. COLLIE £25 I. CRANNA £5

*G-Goal. P-Penalty Save. C-Clean Sheet

Date	Opponents	Res.	Pos.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug. 19	Tranmere Rovers	1-2	—	4,811	Sannard	Mauge	Kimble†	Skinner	Eckhardt†	Thomas†	Marshall	Bremner	Watson	Davies	Sayer	Walker†	Leavington(8)
26	Bolton Wanderers	0-0	12	5,524	Sannard	Mauge	Barnett	Skinner	Nebbeling†	Marshall	Marshall	Scott	Watson	Sayer	Walker	Kimble(9)	Bremner(3)
Sept. 2	Mansfield Town	1-0	—	4,551	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Marshall	Barnett	Scott	Watson	Sayer	Walker	Kimble(7)	Bremner(11)
9	Crewe Alexandra	3-2	8	3,301	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas†	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Bremner(11)	Barnett
16	Swansea City	2-0	7	4,520	Sannard	Mauge	Bremner	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Donnellan
23	Walsall	0-0	7	8,969	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Bremner(7)	Barnett(11)
Oct. 30	Huddersfield Town	0-0	4	4,455	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling†	Eckhardt†	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Bremner(4)	Watson
20	Chester City	2-0	6	2,135	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Bremner(4)	Watson
27	Rotherham United	0-1	9	4,375	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Donnellan(9)	Watson
14	Reading	2-3	11	4,743	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Bremner	Davies(11)
21	Bury	0-2	12	3,520	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Davies
28	Brentford	2-2	11	7,962	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Davies
Nov. 5	Northampton Town	1-1	13	3,518	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Davies
12	Leyton Orient	1-1	12	5,817	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Milton(10)
19	Cardiff City	2-5	13	4,030	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Milton(7)
25	Wigan Athletic	4-0	12	3,156	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
Dec. 2	Notts County	0-2	12	5,132	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
16	Blackpool	1-0	11	2,548	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
26	Bristol City	0-1	11	6,089	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
30	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	11	3,622	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
Jan. 1	Birmingham City	1-1	12	8,932	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
8	Preston North End	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
13	Bolton Wanderers	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
19	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
27	Crewe Alexandra	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
Feb. 3	Walsall	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
10	Swansea City	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
13	Mansfield Town (7.30pm)	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
17	Notts County	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
24	Wigan Athletic	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
Mar. 3	Preston North End	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
6	Crewe Alexandra (7.45pm)	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
10	Huddersfield Town	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
17	Bristol Rovers	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
20	Rotherham United (7.30 pm)	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
27	Reading	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
31	Bury	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
Apr. 7	Northampton Town	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
10	Brentford (8.00pm)	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
14	Birmingham City	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
21	Blackpool	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
26	Blackpool	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
28	Cardiff City	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
May 5	Leyton Orient	0-1	12	5,055	Sannard	Mauge	Langley	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Dowie	Sayer	Walker	Watson	Veraness(3)
FA CUP																	
Nov. 19	Bath City (1st Rd)	2-2	—	4,283	Sannard	Peters†	Elkins	Skinner	Nebbeling	Marshall	Barnett	Lewington	Sayer†	Eckhardt	Walker	Watson	Donnellan(7)
22	Bath City (1st Rd Rep)	2-1	—	3,506	Sannard	Peters	Elkins	Skinner	Nebbeling	Marshall	Barnett	Scott	Sayer	Watson	Walker	Donnellan(8)	Barnett(4)
Dec. 9	Bristol City	1-2	—	7,662	Sannard	Donnellan	Mauge	Lewington	Nebbeling	Peters†	Marshall	Scott	Sayer	Watson	Langley	Skinner(3)	
LITTLEWOODS CHALLENGE CUP																	
Aug. 23	Oxford United (1R1L)	0-1	—	3,376	Sannard	Mauge	Kimble	Skinner	Eckhardt†	Thomas	Marshall	Scott	Watson	Davies	Barnett	Walker(5)	Sayer
30	Oxford United (1R2L)	5-3	—	3,896	Sannard	Mauge	Barnett	Skinner	Nebbeling	Thomas	Marshall	Scott	Watson	Sayer	Walker	Kimble(9)	Bremner(3)
Sept. 3	Sunderland (2R1L)	0-1	—	1,416	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling†	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Watson	Sayer	Walker	Bremner(3)	Barnett
Oct. 19	Sunderland (2R2L)	0-3	—	6,314	Sannard	Mauge	Thomas	Skinner	Nebbeling	Eckhardt	Marshall	Scott	Watson	Sayer	Walker	Bremner	Donnellan(7)
LEYLAND DAF CUP																	
Nov. 8	Peterborough	0-1	—	1,939	Sannard	Langley	Elkins	Skinner	Nebbeling	Marshall	Barnett	Scott	Watson	Milton	Walker	Veraness	Sayer
28	Notts County	0-1	—	1,317	Sannard	Langley	Elkins	Skinner	Nebbeling	Marshall	Barnett	Scott	Sayer	Milton	Walker	Ferney(2)	

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Saturday 27th January 1990
CREWE ALEXANDRA
 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday 3rd February 1990
WALSALL
 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Barclays League Division Three

"THE COTTAGER" NEWSPAPER

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Up to and including 6th January 1990

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	24	14	6	4	38	22	48
Tottenham Hotspur	20	15	1	4	54	24	46
Norwich City	19	13	1	5	35	18	40
Arsenal	20	12	4	4	44	32	40
Chelsea	18	12	2	4	44	22	38
Oxford United	20	9	3	8	39	31	30
Brighton & Hove	18	9	2	7	29	30	29
Swindon Town	21	9	1	11	32	37	28
Wimbledon	18	7	6	5	29	22	27
Crystal Palace	18	7	5	6	30	35	26
Queens Park Rangers	17	8	2	7	33	26	26
Ipswich Town	20	6	3	10	32	40	24
Luton Town	18	6	5	7	28	27	23
West Ham United	20	5	6	9	37	42	21
Charlton Athletic	18	6	3	9	30	35	21
Southampton	17	4	8	5	15	23	20
Portsmouth	21	2	7	12	20	32	13
Watford	16	2	6	8	25	35	12
Fulham	16	3	1	12	9	39	10
Reading	19	2	4	13	23	54	10

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	18	15	1	2	56	16	31
Arsenal	18	12	3	3	48	19	27
Chelsea	18	10	5	3	40	15	25
Leyton Orient	18	8	4	6	36	27	20
Watford	17	9	2	6	30	24	20
Charlton Athletic	15	9	1	5	26	20	19
Portsmouth	15	5	5	5	24	25	15
Norwich City	17	6	3	8	15	17	15
Cambridge United	16	5	5	6	25	36	15
Gillingham	14	6	1	7	26	32	13
Millwall	16	5	3	8	22	29	13
Ipswich Town	15	5	2	8	21	33	12
Q.P.R.	12	4	2	6	18	23	10
West Ham United	15	4	2	9	26	35	10
Fulham	16	1	5	10	13	45	7
Southend United	18	2	2	14	21	51	6

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL

COMPETITION (FOOTBALL COMBINATION)

Date	Opponents	Ground
1989		
Aug. 29	Millwall.....	A 0-3
Sept. 6	Ipswich Town.....	H 0-2
Sept. 13	Swindon Town.....	A 0-5
Sept. 20	Chelsea.....	H 1-8
Sept. 27	Brighton & Hove Albion.....	H 3-0
Oct. 4	Oxford United.....	A 0-4
Oct. 11	West Ham United.....	H 3-0
Nov. 1	Arsenal.....	H 0-3
Nov. 8	Charlton Athletic.....	H 0-1
Nov. 15	Brighton & Hove Albion.....	A 1-2
Nov. 25	Luton Town.....	A 0-5
Nov. 29	Oxford United.....	H 1-0
Dec. 2	Tottenham Hotspur.....	A 0-4
Dec. 6	Portsmouth.....	H 0-0
Dec. 13	Wimbledon.....	H 1-3
Dec. 22	Norwich City.....	A 0-1

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Jan. 6	Arsenal (3.00pm).....	A 0-1
Jan. 10	Charlton Athletic.....	A 1-0
Jan. 15	Millwall.....	H
Jan. 17	Queens Park Rangers.....	H
Jan. 22	Reading.....	A
Jan. 24	Norwich City.....	H
Jan. 27	West Ham United.....	A
Jan. 31	Reading.....	H
Feb. 7	Crystal Palace.....	H
Feb. 10	Watford (3.00pm).....	A
Feb. 14	Tottenham Hotspur.....	H
Feb. 21	Luton Town.....	H
Feb. 28	Swindon Town.....	H
Mar. 7	Queens Park Rangers.....	A
Mar. 14	Southampton.....	H
Mar. 21	Crystal Palace.....	A
Mar. 27	Chelsea.....	A
Apr. 4	Watford.....	H
Apr. 7	Southampton (3.00pm).....	A
Apr. 11	Portsmouth (7.00pm).....	A
Apr. 17	Wimbledon (7.30pm).....	A
May 8	Ipswich Town (3.00pm).....	A
T.B.A.	Reading.....	A

All matches kick-off at 2.00pm unless otherwise stated.

S.E. COUNTIES FIXTURES 1989/90

Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 19	Charlton Athletic.....	H 0-3
Aug. 22	Leyton Orient.....	H 2-4
Aug. 26	Portsmouth.....	A 2-2
Aug. 31	Charlton Athletic.....	A 2-4
Sept. 2	Cambridge United.....	A 3-7
Sept. 9	Norwich City (LC1).....	A 0-4
Sept. 11	Chelsea (SJFC R1).....	H 0-4
Sept. 16	Southend United.....	A 0-0
Sept. 23	Arsenal.....	H 1-1
Sept. 30	Norwich City.....	A 0-1
Oct. 7	Chelsea.....	A 0-7
Oct. 14	Leyton Orient.....	A 0-4
Oct. 21	Southend United.....	H 2-1
Oct. 28	West Ham United.....	H 1-1
Nov. 4	Millwall.....	H 0-0
Nov. 6	Gillingham (FAYC).....	H 1-2
Nov. 11	Watford.....	A 0-1
Nov. 18	Queens Park Rangers.....	H 0-3
Nov. 25	Tottenham Hotspur.....	H 0-6

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Jan. 13	Portsmouth.....	H
Jan. 20	Cambridge United.....	H
Jan. 27	Arsenal.....	A
Feb. 10	Norwich City.....	H
Feb. 17	West Ham United.....	A
Mar. 3	Queens Park Rangers.....	A
Mar. 10	Ipswich Town.....	H
Mar. 17	Chelsea.....	H
Mar. 21	Tottenham Hotspur.....	A
Mar. 24	Watford.....	H
Apr. 7	Millwall.....	A
Apr. 14	Gillingham.....	A
Apr. 21	Gillingham.....	H
May 5	Ipswich Town.....	A

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COTTAGE CHANCE



Former Fulham favourite Steve Earle was our special guest for the Shrewsbury Town fixture. Steve very kindly drew the Ramada Cottage Chance winners for December. They are:

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My Top Ten



BOBBY MOORE

I'd been a trifle unlucky at the back end of last season when I'd tried to get hold of Bobby for one of the play-off programmes in the 'Do you Remember' series. By the time I got him on the phone, via Mitch, he was on the point of flying off somewhere but he was very helpful and courteous, suggested I got back to him this season and in the meantime 'why not nip down and have a chat with Locky at Southend? He'll give you full value'. I needed no prompting for that and a happy 'home-town' visit resulted thanks to Bobby's alacrity.

This season, I'd needed Bobby Keetch's intervention to get me a phone number to ring. It's the same old stunt, especially with the bigger stars, and who bigger than Bobby — World Cup Skipper OBE to boot. They need the safety net of the ex-directory phone system to keep Joe Public, including yours truly, from pestering them. I, in turn, need someone like Bobby Keetch or Tosh (preferably both) to discover (a) obscure and rare telephone numbers and (b) that Joe Stapleton is alive and well! Again I was unlucky. Bobby was flying off once more

and I realised from television a few days later it would have been to the World Cup draw in Italy. This time, however, I got a result. He asked for all the Fulham players he'd appeared with in the mid-seventies and he'd select a team 'by return'. Yvonne was hastily contacted and managed to get a list of 35 mighty men off to Bobby for his selection pronto. She did really well, as ever, although I did feel 'Tyronne Jones' and Tony Maloney' were immediate candidates for David Lloyd and 'T.O.O.F.I.F.'. I particularly liked 'Tyronne Jones' — a sort of Welsh International with Hollywood connections. Predicably Bobby didn't choose either of these lads, or for that matter Jimmy Conway, Jimmy Dunne or Teddy Maybank.

His team is:-

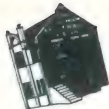
Evans	Lacy	Peyton	Callaghan
	Mullery	Moore	Storey
	(Capt)		
Best			Barrett
	Mitchell	Marsh	

What was amazing was that Bobby had managed 150 games for us in just over three seasons; this after 108 full 'caps', representative games galore (12 Football League for a start) and 642 League and Cup games for West Ham. Of the 150, 26 were Cup games — an extremely high proportion; 11 of them being replays and three of these will be recalled by the majority of the visiting supporters today. Bolton eventually put us out of the third round of the League Cup in October 1976 in a second replay at St. Andrew's 2-1, after a couple of hard fought 2-2 draws with John Mitchell (2), Ernie Howe and George Best notching our four goals in the earlier games. Our goal in the defeat was an own goal.

I have a personal memory of the previous round that season at Peterborough — a magical evening, travelling up with my eldest son in a Fiat 500 'D' reg. — going the pretty way round through Huntingdonshire — Belvoir Castle comes to mind (maybe we were totally lost), arriving at London Road with nearly 16,500 happy souls and spending a glorious five minutes before kick off pointing out Bobby Moore, George Best and Rodney to the locals, who were suitably impressed and remained so when George scored with that exquisite chip early on, which set the tone for the whole evening. If anyone had mentioned an Identity Card that evening you'd have laughed in their face!

Bobby's team is a nice blend of the Cup Final season and the All Star XI season split about equally and it seemed fitting to me that he chose our old friend 'Mullers' to skipper the side. We've all got that great shot of the two of them linking up and walking off at Wembley on THE day and but for Alan's initiative in the first place that glorious period of our History would not have come to pass. There is no doubt that Alan's influence resulted in Bobby coming to play out the last chapters in his magnificent career with us and it's left us all with a warm glow!

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The disco arranged originally in January will now be held in February, the date to be announced. It will be at the British Legion, Parsons Green, New Kings Road, Fulham, and tickets will be £5.00.

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MATCH DAY MASCOT



Fulham born Mark Jones, aged 8, is today's Mascot. Mark now lives in Sutton and attends Ridge Road Primary School. He is centre forward for both Morden Little League and Oakway Athletic and has scored 35 goals already this season. Naturally his ambition is to be a professional footballer and his favourite player is Clive Walker.

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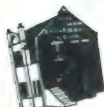
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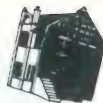
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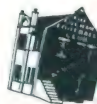
Ian Gray, the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham has made no secret of who is his favourite football team in the Borough.

Our picture shows Jimmy Hill presenting the Mayor with an autographed ball after he sponsored the match ball on Boxing Day. The Mayor is now looking forward to sponsoring our fixture versus Walsall on February 3rd.

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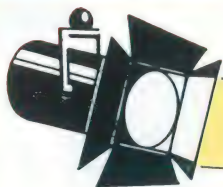
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SPOTLIGHT ON....

THE JUSTIN SKINNER FILE

PERSONAL

Name: Justin Skinner

Height: 6' 0"

Weight: 11st 03lbs

Born: 30th January 1969

Birthplace: London

CAREER

1985: Signed as an apprentice

November 1986: Signed professional forms

January 1987: First Team debut Vs Southend
United Freight Rover Trophy 1

SEASON	FOOTBALL LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP	TOTAL	GOALS
FULHAM					
1986-87	2+1	—	—	2+1	
1987-88	25+4	4	—	29+4	7
1988-89	36+4	2	—	38+4	9
1989-90	21	4	2+1	27+1	5
TOTAL	84+9	10	2+1	96+10	21

Despite being only 20 years of age, Justin Skinner is already firmly established in the Fulham side. Teaming up with Peter Scott in the centre of the midfield he is frequently the instigator of Fulham's attacking moves. However, at the moment, Justin has been experiencing some injury problems.

"I've been having problems with my calf muscles. In fact it's been niggling me for a while and I haven't really been able to play properly all season. It usually happens just in the first half, often in the first ten minutes. I get bad cramp in my calf muscles and pins and needles in my feet. I'm seeing a specialist next week as it's been getting progressively worse, though I played against Preston on Saturday and I was much better on the plastic. Anyway after I've seen the specialist hopefully I can get everything sorted out."

As well as being the initiator of many attacking moves, Justin is also often the finisher of attacks since he is Fulham's regular penalty taker.

"Two years ago a penalty came up in the game against Grimsby. Ivor and Leroy were humming and hawing over it, and Ray Lew, who was also playing, just gave me the ball. I couldn't say no really and I took it and I scored, and I've been taking our penalties ever since.

I do enjoy taking them, though there is a lot of pressure, especially at home, when it's 0-0 or we're losing 1-0. When I step up to take the penalty I'm just thinking about which way I should put it. I try to put it the same way each time, but if I know our opponents have been watching us, or if I took a penalty only last week, or if there's an ex-Fulham player in the opposing team I may change it. It's quite nerve-racking though, as I step up to take it, my legs are shaking, but I just take a deep breath and get on with it."

Justin joined Fulham as an apprentice in the summer of 1985 when he was only sixteen years old, having been spotted by Derry Quigley, who has been responsible for bringing a great deal of talent to Craven Cottage.



JUSTIN SKINNER

"I came to Fulham straight from Sunday football. One of the Sunday team managers knew Derry Quigley and he'd told him about some of the other players and Derry came down to watch them. I just happened to be playing as well and I must've made an impression as he came to see me three or four more times. He then bought me down to Fulham and I trained with the club for two to three months. In the end it was touch and go whether I was to be kept on. But after a while I settled down a bit and relaxed, and my football improved, and I was signed as an apprentice."

And so who has been the greatest influence on his career?

"Del Quigley has had a big influence on my career and the youth team coach, Alan Taylor, has encouraged and helped me a lot. Also all the managers I've played under, Ray Hartford and Ray Lewington, and all the coaching staff at Fulham in general have helped me a great deal. It's also been valuable to be in a squad with players like Gordon Davies and Des Bremner who are always willing to help, and also to play alongside seasoned pro's like Clive Walker and Gavin Nebbeling. They've all influenced me somehow or another."

Despite being only twenty years of age Justin plays the type of intelligent football one would expect from a more experienced player. He has learnt a great deal during his three years of first team football, but obviously there is still room for improvement.

"At the moment I'm looking to improve my general fitness, as with the calf problem. I haven't really been fully fit all season. Other than that, I'd just like to become more aggressive, to put more aggression in my game."

Having played in the game last Saturday against Preston, and not suffering problems with the calf problem, it looks likely that Justin will be in the starting line up for today's game against visitors Bolton Wanderers. So what were his thoughts about the Bolton game?

"I'm quite confident really. When we played Bolton at their place back in August we got a draw, but we couldn't win it really, and so I'm quite confident about today's game. As long as we got off to a good start and the fans get behind us we should be OK."

If Fulham are to reach the play-off this season they must start putting together a run of good results, so lets hope Justin's confidence is answered in three points by 4.45 this afternoon to start us on our way.

Manager's Assessment



JUSTIN SKINNER

Justin is one of the most talented players in the squad. He has a very good touch and the ability to drop his shoulder and move off in different directions with speed. His balance is excellent for a big player.

As you know, Justin is on the injured list at present but he is unlikely to be out for too long. When he is completely fit he must work on his positional play and concentrate on taking command of the situation.

Justin is capable of running the game and I want opposing sides to leave the field knowing that he is a player they will have to try to control when they next come up against him. More work on his stamina is necessary, but its easy to forget that Justin is still only twenty and that he is still learning.

I wish it had not been necessary to put him into the League side at so early an age, but if he works on his game and continues to show the right attitude there's no reason why Justin Skinner should not develop into an excellent footballer.

RAY LEWINGTON

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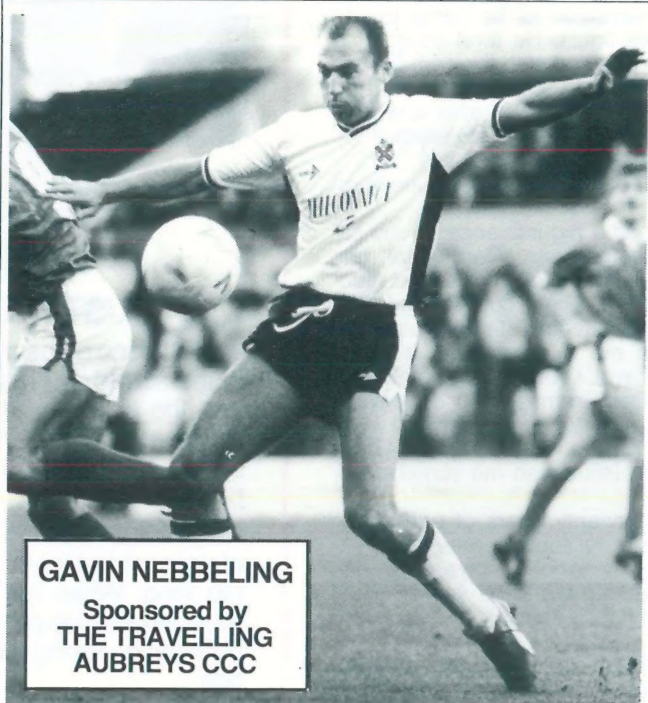
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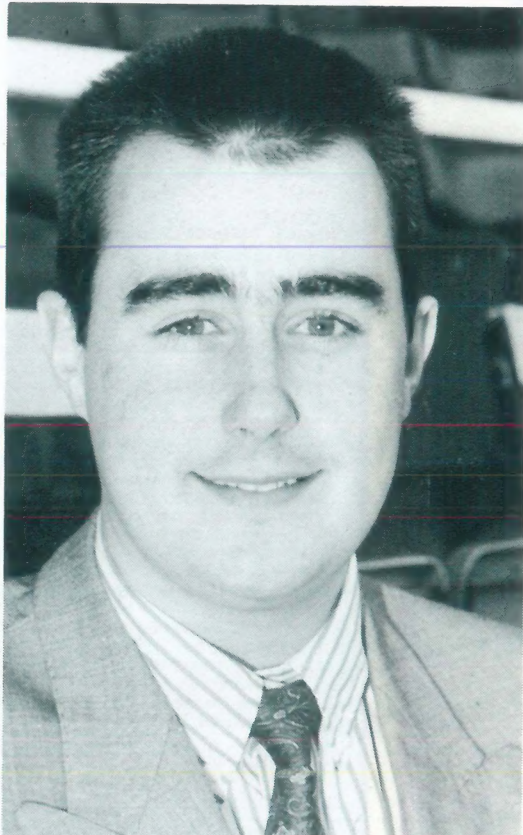
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The Last Word



On behalf of the Football Club I would like to open by thanking everyone who has registered their written support for the club with the Council regarding the CPO Enquiry and encourage those who have not yet written to do so.

Back in 1987 when the present Board came together, there was an overwhelming level of enthusiasm and energy which existed among the support for Fulham—and still does. It was then that the club felt it would be of great benefit to harness that energy and enthusiasm in order to be able to direct it on specific projects.

The group put together was called the 'Board of Management'. Its objective is to provide a forum on a regular basis of which all different areas within the club could communicate and discuss issues or specific projects.

In order that it would remain effective one representative from each area of the club is requested to attend, the outcome being that Vice-Presidents, Riversiders, Supporters' Club, Junior Black & Whites etc are represented, with the option of additional people who can be invited to meetings if a specific project requires it.

Our last Board of Management meeting was last Tuesday 9th January. As you can probably guess, the major topic of discussion was the Compulsory Purchase Order Enquiry.

At this meeting Gordon Prentice from Hammersmith

& Fulham Borough Council gave us an up-to-date report on preparation for the Enquiry—which was extremely encouraging. He informed the meeting that in excess of 500 individual letters had been received at the Town Hall and were continuing to arrive at a rate of 20 per day. He also suggested that each of the represented groups at the meeting should prepare a statement for the Enquiry which could be heard by the Inspector, outlining the area of activity which that group has within the club and how they see that continuing in the future. The other members of the meeting from Vice-Presidents, Riversiders and Supporters' Clubs were then able to question Gordon on the content of their statements and established that they would now set about writing those statements and submit them for a brief check with the Council. It would then be left to those groups to elect an individual to present the statement to the Enquiry. Gordon did emphasise the difference between 'statements' and 'evidence' relating to the Enquiry. When providing statements the opposition's Counsel (Cabra's lawyers) are unable to cross-examine the individual, as opposed to evidence which can attract cross-examination.

Following this the Chairman updated the meeting on the progress of evidence being supplied by the club, which was proceeding according to plan.

Each representative at the meeting was asked to continue their 'rallying' in respect of support and a date was set for the next meeting—this is to be shortly after the Enquiry has begun in order to obtain an update on progress.

Finally, I would like just to mention that the Supporters' Club have 10,000 leaflets regarding the CPO to be delivered locally over the next few days. If anybody could assist with this, could they contact the Cottage as soon as possible?

As always, the best of luck to Ray and the team today, welcome to Bolton and I am looking forward to a good afternoon's football.

ANDY MUDDYMAN

Supporters may be interested to know that in response to public demand Capital Radio is organising a 'phone-in' on the question of Hammersmith & Fulham Council's CPO and the Public Enquiry. This will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 24th January beginning at either 8.00 or 9.00pm (exact time to be announced). Answering listeners enquiries will be Gordon Prentice on behalf of the Council and a representative from the Club will be present. Capital Radio will also be inviting a representative from Cabra Estates. The telephone number to ring on that evening for anyone wishing to take part in the programme is 01-484 8222.

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4

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DEAN CROMBIE

JEFF ECKHARDT

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CLIVE WALKER

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OBITUARY

We send our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. George Phillips, who died recently. Mr. Phillips was a loyal supporter for over 70 years and a Lottery agent for many of those years.

ON LOAN

Playing for Fulham on loan today is Alan Dowson, a 19-year-old left back who has played regularly for Millwall reserves, on the verge of the first team. John Docherty, who rates him very highly, is delighted that he will be getting first team experience.

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY

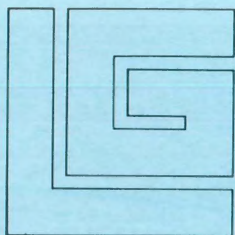
The date for the enquiry is January 30th so now is the time to put pen to paper to help. We would like all Fulham FC supporters and anybody that cares about the future of the club to write to the inspector who will be handling the public enquiry. This letter should be a personal account of what Fulham Football Club means to you. The club's past, present and future should be included in your letter. It is essential that as many people as possible write to the inspector because each and every letter will be 'evidence' at the enquiry.

The address to write to:—

The Inspector
Fulham FC Public Enquiry
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